

we would have a little more money to do a few of these other things. So I think what we need to do this morning is vote the Schmit amendment down, accept the Ag Committee amendment, the committee amendment, and then go ahead and approve the bill. I believe that this will address some of the problems that we have in our weed control in our state. So I would encourage you to do that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before recognizing Senators Dierks and Langford, Senator Johnson, Rod Johnson, has some additional guests in the south balcony, 19 elementary school students from Trumbull, Nebraska. Would you students please stand, take a bow, please. We appreciate your taking the time and the trouble to visit with us this morning. Senator "Cap" Dierks, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to offer my support for the committee amendments and I, too, realize the importance with which Senator Schmit speaks. I think at this time I would not support his amendment to the amendments. We talked the other day considerably about cats and, again, I noticed it came up today. There were a couple cats we forgot to talk about. One of them was a sale cat for which Senator Conway is very fond and the other one is a Chessie cat and I see that we've seen quite a few of those Chessie cat type grins around here this morning. I'd like to just remind us that there is some sincerity involved here. I think that I've probably dug as many of these gorgeous thistles as everybody else, anyone else around here has. We have a great problem with them. One of the weeds we haven't discussed today is the leafy spurge. In my area, this is a real, real problem and with the current law we have the ability to do some quarantining and people who have this problem on their meadows, their hay can actually be quarantined there so it can't be spread down the road to, or hauled down the road to spread to different places. I'd hate to see that given up, so I really think that I would support what Senator Rod Johnson is doing and the amendment to the...or the committee amendments, but I would oppose the amendment to the amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford, please.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, I'd like to call for the question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All in